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LIKE USING MORPHINE

(From St. Louis Post-Dispatch)

The ECA report should shock the country into realizing the dangers of its foreign economic policies—or lack of them.

In capsule form, the story is that, between 1914 and 1948 the United States has exported goods and services worth 270 billion dollars and imported goods and services worth only 169 billion dollars. Thus our exports have exceeded imports by 101 billion dollars.

Every schoolchild who has had an elementary course in economics knows there is something wrong here. He knows that wholesome economy must be on a give-and-take basis. Some kind of balance must be struck between exports and imports—else the world's economic machine goes out of gear.

As indeed it has done.

The remedy is for the United States to buy more goods from other countries in exchange for what they buy from us.

In the old days, when international balances were settled by gold payments, the United States accumulated more and more of the world's gold since we would not buy the world's goods.

As a result, Fort Knox is full of gold. It lies in the ground, whence it was once dug. It is a sterile hoard, drawing no interest, generating no activity, producing no real wealth.

By and large, the other nations have no more gold to redress unfavorable balances of trade. So the United States is doling out money under the Marshall plan. This can be only a temporary arrangement for obvious reasons—political and economic.

Therefore, American tariffs should be lowered. If particular American industries would suffer lowered profit, the country as a whole could benefit. Therefore also, American customs procedures should be liberalized, as was agreed at the Washington monetary conference.

On the other side of the ocean, foreign countries should relax their oppressive controls of exports. And they should seek to lower the prices for their goods. Because of Marshall plan payments, the United States is in a position to urge these steps upon other nations.

If these and other corrective measures are not applied, the American taxpayer will continue, as he has in the past, to finance dollar deficits and dollar gaps by grants and loans from the United States Treasury. As the ECA report shows, what the American people have been doing, in effect, is to subsidize exports.

But the plan itself, is like administering morphine. It eases pain but does not cure the disease. And, if continued, it produces drug fiends instead of normal partners in world trade.

WE NEED MORE TREES

From Eastern Shore News

The disgruntled home-owner who is deluged, this time of the year, by a blizzard of falling leaves, will probably refute this, but the fact remains—Virginia needs more trees.

However, Virginia doesn't need trees to employ home-owners on Saturday afternoons. But it does need trees for its industry. Its present supply is gradually dwindling, with only a slight effort being made to replace that source.

Virginia has nearly 400 000 acres of idle and abandoned land. Add to that an increasingly large acreage of severely cut-over woodland, which won't reforest itself, and one can easily see how much is being lost by neglecting reforestation.

In order to reforest this large acreage, a half billion seedlings are needed. At the present rate of tree planting in the state, which is estimated to be only about two million trees per year, it will take 250 years to do the job.

It doesn't take a forester to see that this is too long a time. Activity must be speeded up. Certainly land owners and lumbermen must realize that this resource is not inexhaustible.

NEEDEM? WEAREM!

(From Roanoke Times)

It has been more than 20 years since Dorothy Parker wrote a bit of doggerel setting forth the alleged fact that "men seldom make passes at girls who wear glasses," a claim which may or may not be true but which has had an effect on the feminine populace that the nation's eye doctors regard as no laughing matter.

In a statement released at the opening session of the annual meeting of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology in Chicago last week the eye specialists complain that numerous women who should be wearing eyeglasses refuse to do so for ear that the glasses will detract from their charm. As a result, the specialists say, many women "expose themselves to the danger of further impairment of vision and to headaches, effectiveness and other ills accompanying poor eyesight." Such an attitude is attributed to "false pride or fear of lowering their charm potential."

Whatever the reason, folks who "need specs" are standing in their own light and endangering their health as well as their efficiency by foolishly refusing to wear them. We'll grant that glasses do not perceptibly improve an individual's looks but, on the other hand, they do not detract from the wearer's attractiveness nearly as much as do a pair of bulging eyes that protrude from a face distorted by squinting.

Anyway, so many people wear glasses nowadays that little attention is paid to them and, Dorothy Parker to the contrary, we have a strong suspicion that many a girl who wears glasses could give testimony to the contrary, if pressed about it and disposed to be frank.

HEAVY CHATTER

From Washington Evening Star

They used to be called adolescents and their mothers worried about them a lot and hoped they would make it safely to their twenties. Now, however, they are known as "teen-agers," a term which does not begin to suggest the agony and intensity of it all, and it has been officially acknowledged that they live in a world all their own. They have their own language, their own fashions and their own oracles. But this diplomatic recognition does not seem to have cleared up their two greatest and most persisting problems. The half-grown are still racked with uncertainty as to when to kiss and what to say.

On the kissing question, they are unanimously urged by their consultants in newspapers and magazines—as indeed by their mothers, whose advice they do not greatly prize—not to make it a habit. But when it comes to conversation, the directions are positive and dynamic. None of this trivial chit-chat about weather, so favored by aimless adults, will do in the under-twenty set. Only the verbal blockbuster is considered the proper opening gambit. A recent bit of counsel to teenagers quoted in The New Yorker suggested that the prom - bound maiden should bring her escort sharply to attention by asking him if he knew that more suicides are committed on rainy days than on sunny days. Presumably this jolts him so effectively that he will be betrayed into mentioning his hobby, which is most devoutly to be wished for. The emphasis on hobbies is something that rather baffles the family, since they have generally assumed that so far as avocations go, the girls' stop with the telephone, the boy's with eating.

Anyway, presumably the conversation swings along gaily once information about stamp-collecting or woodcarving has been ferreted out. Teen-agers apparantly start out by coming firmly to grips with the basic verities and then slacken off into the everyday, a direct reversal of their elders' approach to the

Youngster Gets Tips on Railway Prexy's Skills

CHICAGO.—Seldom does a youngster get the opportunity for the kind of advice that came to 15-year-old Eugene Knol, of Blue Earth, Minn.

Eugene had wanted to be a railroad president ever since he can remember. A high school freshman, he has his heart set on that job. Now, he has taken the first step in that direction.

He was assigned in school to write a paper on what he planned to do in adult life. He needed expert advice, so he wrote to C. H. Buford, president of the Milwaukee railroad.

The letter finally found its way through all the intricate channels in a huge railway office to the desk of President Buford.

Buford said later he read the letter with a nostalgic feeling. It had been years, he said, since railroad presidents received letters from boys with that ambition.

Ambition Fading

He recalled that at one time it was the mark of a typical American boy. But today, Buford said, that ideal seems to have disappeared in a world of atomics and jet planes.

Buford was glad to write the letter, he said, and took considerable time from his duties. He was "on the spot," so he thought about it for a long time, then sat down and outlined the steps he believed brought him to the top job.

This is his advice:

1. Keep strong and physically fit. This is a must for railroad men.

2. No young man can succeed in any line unless he is scrupulously honest, conscientious and considerate of others. Develop confidence in yourself, but don't be a smart aleck.

3. Industry and co-operation are important. Teamwork is as essential on a railroad as on a football field.

Don't be Miserly

4. Learn and remember the value of the dollar. Don't be miserly, but get value received for what you spend, and don't squander either your own or your employer's money.

5. Cultivate and develop a pleasing and friendly personality.

6. Finish college, and, perhaps, a technical or professional school. Specialize in some type of engineering, accounting, business administration, law, or some other field. It is possible to achieve the presidency through any of these lines.

7. Spend your summer vacations working on a railroad. You must know a great deal about all types of railroad work.

8. When you get that vacation job, get a letter of recommendation or go on your own. Sell yourself to your employer. Tell him that you are not afraid to work and that you are ready to start.

9. When your preparations are finished, go after your permanent job the same way you went after the vacation job.

From then on it's up to you.

The railroad president concluded: "I sincerely hope that your ambition may be achieved and that some day, when I am not around, those of your generation will read the annual report of a large railroad, signed by Eugene Knol, president."

MISSISSIPPI BLINDNESS

Grend County (Miss.) Weekly

"I don't care whether they are advertising tall corn, mowing machines, lotion, monkey wrenches, fishing tackle or what, pretty gals mixed in always help. There's something about pretty gals that gain and hold attention. Why this is, I don't know."

THE PROPER SETTING

(Wall Street Journal)

Economy-minded individuals never ceased to marve, at the unparalleled sums Cecil B. DeMille expends on his film epics. But Mr. DeMille, who long ago has been one of our most canny and effective motion picture producers, knows what he wants—and it always costs a lot of money.

Once Mr. DeMille ordered fifteen yards of royal brocade at $200 a yard to enhance the beauty of his feminine star during one brief scene. An efficiency expert discreetly inquired why a $2 substitute would not serve as well.

"The movie audiences will never know the difference," he pointed out.

"No," replied DeMille, "they won't. But my star will. And can you imagine a woman wearing $3000 worth of brocade and not giving her best performance?"

REPORT CROP DISEASES PROMPTLY, VPI ADVISES

Farmers can help protect their crops by promptly reporting the appearance of any plant diseases, says S. B. Fenne, plant disease specialist of V. P. I. Extension Service.

This will help the work of the plant disease forecasting service operated in Virginia and 36 other states in cooperation with the U. S. Department of Agriculture, he said.

Penne explained that farmers can report disease appearance to county agents, who will relay the information to state specialists and on to the forecasting service headquarters where warnings are issued when justified. Headquarters are at Beltsville, Md.

Giving help to the forecasters may mean money in the farmer's pocket, Penne said.

When research indicates that a particular plant disease is likely to be inactive during a crop season, growers are notified of it and can save the money they might otherwise spend on prevention. On the other hand, they are notified in time to save their crops if an epidemic is forecast.

Soviet leader says that the atom bomb can "dig the grave of capitalism."

Several heavy frost have been reported.

Reynolds is delayed on his global flight by London fog.

Pacts are signed to end the Dutch Indonesian rule.

University of Virginia wins thrilling football victory over University of Pennsylvania.

Senator Robertson calls for cut in ARP spending.

Phone 30 with Personals.

New Congress will renew debate on taxes and spending.

Fall temperatures are cool in Florida.

German envoy into the United States is dehated.

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Liberty Chapel

Liberty Chapel, Nov. 8.- Those attending the Home Demonstration Club banquet from Liberty Chapel were Mr. and Mrs. John W. Gunter, Mr. and Mrs. Preston Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Harvey, Jr., Mrs. Mollie S. Garrett, Mrs. Tom Robertson and Gloria Ann Lewis.

Supper guests Saturday night of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Gunter were Mr. and Mrs. Percy Garrett and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cardwell, Jr.

Sorry to hear that Mrs. John Briggs and J. H. Reynolds are on the sick list. We hope for them a speedy recovery.

The Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Leitner, Mrs. Lawrence Hatcher and Mrs. Preston Coleman attended the W. M. U. Association, which was held at Antioch Friday. Mrs. Tony Harris is leader for Group 1 and Mrs. Harwood Hatcher is community activities leader. They will meet at Liberty Chapel in the spring.

Mildred Ann and Alice Faye Marshall spent several days of last week with Miss Lillie Thornhill and Mrs. Odgen, of Lynchburg.

The Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Leitner, Janet Lee Hedgpeth and Mrs. Ramond Reade were supper guests on Monday night of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Coleman.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Reynolds and children visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Martin Sunday.

Dr. Mosby B. Payne has returned home after a week's visit in New York.

Hixburg

Hixburg, Nov. 7.- Mrs. Crawford Dyson, of Florida, was due Sunday for a week's visit with Mrs. E. H. Dyson and Mrs. Nelson Hix.

We are glad to have Dr. T. W. Williams back, after a spell of pneumonia in the Lexington Hospital.

He preached a fine sermon Sunday A. M. at the Hixburg Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Jones and Mrs. S. C. Drinkard were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Inge.

Mrs. E. A. Covington and Ida Virginia have returned from a visit to East Orange, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Topping spent several days recently with her sister, Mrs. Jennie Young.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Sears spent the week-end in Statesville, N.C.

The Home Demonstration Club met with Mrs. H. S. Topping and Mrs. H. J. Covington.

An interesting demonstration was given on winter bouquets and on Christmas gift suggestions, after which refreshments were served by the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Sears and Mrs. E. P. Sears were business visitors in Lynchburg Friday.

Kinkle Martin spent the week-end with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Martin, near Oakville.

Gerald Steadman was able to return to school this week, after sustaining painful injuries from a fall from a truck.

W. E. Inge spent Monday in Durham, N. C.

The B. T. U. which was organized under the leadership of the Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Hackney is progressing nicely.

Rocks News

Rocks, Nov. 7.- We really had a killing frost here Saturday night.

Quite a few from Rocks attended the Hallowe'en play at the Pamplin High School Monday night.

Mrs. W. F. Ranson spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Evans at Charlotte Court House.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roach and Sandra and Johnny visited Cassie Baldwin last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Toby Inge and Audrey Dale spent the week-end in Washington with Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Adkinson and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Inge and Diane Byrd, of Farmville visited Mrs. D. R. Inge Sunday.

Donald R ch, of Waynesboro, spent the week-end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roach.

A few from here attended the auction sale at Evergreen Saturday afternoon.

A few from Rocks attended the ordination service for five more deacons at the Evergreen Baptist Church Sunday afternoon. The Rev. Ben R. Bruner, of Farmville, was the guest speaker.

A large crowd was at Rocks last night for the preaching service. The pastor informed us that he had accepted a call to Albermarle County. We are sorry that the Rev. and Mrs. Carter are leaving us. We wish them much success in their field. His last service will be at Rocks on the 3rd Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock.

College Professor Adopts Carnival-Barking Vocation

TOPEKA, KANS. — Maybe he's looking for a new way to give classroom lectures, one that'll hold the student's attention. Whatever the reason, a college professor is now a sideshow barker and is delighted with the occupation.

He is Professor Alonzo Hauser, formerly head of the Macalester college art department at St. Paul, Minn. He broke in with a surrealistic art show during its run at the Kansas free fair.

Hauser says he became a barker by accident.

An old friend of Gypsy Rose Lee —he once carved a portrait of her —Hauser went to see her revue when it hit Minneapolis on the state fair circuit.

There he met Gypsy's artist husband, Julio de Diego.

De Diego is making the circuit with Gypsy, had his own show, a gallery of surrealistic dreamlike pictures using live models.

But with some painting and a couple of one man exhibitions awaiting him, de Diego wanted to return to his home in New York.

He asked Hauser to take over as barker and manager for the show's remaining two months on the road.

It travels with the Royal American shows, a carnival of revues, side shows and rides. As a result, Hauser is finding he has lots of help in learning his new role.

"I wasn't too sure what these carnival people were like when I left Minneapolis with them," Hauser admits. "Now I am finding most of them are really fine persons. They drop around, give me tips about my job and help in various other ways.

"Some are teaching me to talk from my stomach instead of my throat. That's so my voice won't give out during the 10 hour day I work.

"They help me with my 'bally' (sales talk) and give me pointers on 'turning a tip' (greeting a crowd in to see the show)."

Hauser is married and the father of two children. He says his wife finds it peculiar that his switch from college to side show should draw any attention.

First Incubator Baby Asks It as Anniversary Present

CHICAGO—Perlee Mathers, who was America's first incubator baby, would like to have that incubator for his 50th birthday.

The incubator, first ever used in this country, saved Mather's life after he was born in 1890. At birth, he weighed only one pound and was only eight inches long.

Just as doctors despaired of keeping him alive, the incubator he now wants arrived in New York from France.

The incubator disappeared, however, after having been shown at the Columbian Exposition here in 1893 and later at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington.

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Farm Topics

Danger of Fires Worse on Farms

Suggestions Advanced For Preventing Blaze

Of an estimated fire loss of 11,000 lives and nearly 700 million dollars in property and resources indicated for the year 1949, a great percentage of these losses will be made up of fires on the farm.

Because of lack of fire protection or adequate fire-fighting facilities, farm fires in almost every case are the most disastrous, because of the almost inevitable complete loss which results.

Already the national board of fire underwriters has reported property destruction from fire in the amount of 398 million dollars, 8.9 per cent below the same period for 1948. But even if a downward trend should continue for the remainder

of 1949, this year's losses would approach the 1948 all-time high of more than 711 million dollars.

These figures mark 1948-49 as the most disastrous period in a decade that has recorded five billion dollars in fire destruction. Between 1940 and 1948, fire loss soared 132 per cent.

As the "prime cause" of most of the 800,000 fires annually, the Board lists "plain carelessness and misuse of heating and lighting equipment." The leading single cause of fire is careless smoking and use of catches, accounting for 16.68 per cent of the total destruction. However, over the past ten years, the combination of defective chimneys and flues, stoves, furnaces, boilers and their pipes, and sparks on roofs has been responsible for 20.47 per cent of all fires reported.

Proper safeguards in installation and maintenance of heating equipment, chimneys and flues, safety officials say, will prevent fires of this type. Many communities already protect their citizens with ordinances requiring the installation of flue linings in all new chimneys. One effective means of fireproofing chimneys involves the use of clay flue lining which forms a single, continuous noninflammable unit inside chimneys of all types. The indestructible clay lining prevents weather, heat and corrosive smoke and gases from eating away the mortar between the bricks of the chimney. This eliminates the danger of flames reaching combustible materials through cracks between the bricks.

Authorities urge homeowners to make a careful inspection of chimneys and heating equipment.

'Dream Voyage' Ends For Boston Engineer

PITTSBURGH.—The Seven Seas, "dream ship" for the Frank Potter family, ended an 11-month, 6,000 mile voyage here. The trip was begun at Boston where Potter, a sales engineer, dreamed his dream of a sea voyage, and then made the dream come true.

On its journey from Boston, the vessel—a 46-foot schooner carrying two masts—followed the Atlantic coast around Florida, crossed the Gulf of Mexico and sailed up the Ohio and Mississippi rivers.

Potter bought the schooner at a Long Island dock. He sailed her up to Boston, where he quit his job as a sales engineer, packed his wife and children aboard and set sail for his home town of Beaver.

After a brief stopover in Pittsburgh, the Potters set sail again up the Ohio river to Beaver. There the Seven Seas was to be put up for sale.

"Dreams have to end sometime," Potter philosophized, "Now we expect to settle down and buy a home and I'll have to hunt a job."

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